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FYI -- please advise.

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Hi Terri and David,

I understand that water sampling has begun in Dimock Twp. and that the sampling is contingent on residents allowing EPA to access their water wells. Can you tell me how many of the approximately 61 homes identified in the action memo for the investigation have agreed to grant the EPA access and how many have refused?

Also, would you like to respond to critical comments issued by Cabot Oil and Gas and Dimock residents who support Cabot?

Yesterday, Cabot released a statement saying this: "Recently, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced its intention to sample water in Dimock Township, Pennsylvania. While taking water samples is certainly something EPA does from time to time, Cabot is concerned that this recent action may be more of an attempt to advance a political agenda hostile to shale gas development rather than a principled effort to address environmental concerns in the area."

Today, the company wrote to Administrator Lisa Jackson: "We are concerned that EPA's actions can be easily misinterpreted and can undermine regulatory certainty necessary for development of oil and natural gas.

"President Obama in his State of the Union address strongly highlighted the importance of shale gas development as a key aspect of this country's national energy policy and economic recovery. EPA's actions in Dimock appear to undercut the President's stated commitment to this important resource, even in light of EPA's regulatory mission."

And a local pro-gas drilling group called "Enough is Enough" wrote a letter to Administrator Jackson this week: "The Philadelphia Regional Office's action in enabling this litigation threatens our livelihoods and is destroying our community reputation. Worse, EPA is relying upon hyped-up allegations regarding arsenic, manganese and sodium, all of which are known to be naturally occurring in our water supplies in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Even more outrageous is the twisting of EPA's Superfund authority, intended to help clean up abandoned hazardous waste sites, into a weapon for use by trial lawyers in bludgeoning Cabot for what is a non-issue. These actions are an assault on our property rights and basic freedoms. We urge you to rein in this rogue Regional Office."

Thanks for your help.

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